



Chapter 1 President Andy Megrath Addresses Rutland Board of Aldermen on Oct. 2, 2017, upon establishment of a memorial trust fund for perpetual care of the Rutland County Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Rutland Mayor David Allaire listens.



Formal portrait shows Steve Faye (l.), Kym Hoerr, and John Bergeron



Undated portrait shows long-serving Chapter 1 members (from left) Jake Jacobsen, Kym Hoerr, Jack Crowther, Steve Faye, John Bergeron and Jon Pintello.



Patriot's Medal Ceremony at Ft. Ethan Allen.
Dick Doyle (l.), unidentified couple, Tom
Reardon, and Tom Skinner



Main Street Park in Rutland (date unknown). From left, unknown, Andy Moschetto, Phil Savery, Tom Skinner, Rose Mary Valentine, Tom Reardon, Bill Barnes, John Bergeron, Dick Doyle, Bill Whitney.



Chapter 1 meeting at Seward's Restaurant in April 2000 included, from left, Andy Megrath, John Bergeron, Tom Reardon (?), unknown, Jack Crowther, Andy Moschetto, and Jon Pintello.

Fundraiser at Kick's Restaurant & Lounge in
Mendon on 6-8-97.



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Display tribute to Lt. Joseph Silva of Rutland, KIA.



Lt. Joseph Silva

A graduate of the Military Academy at West Point and a native of Rutland, Joe was killed on February 19, 1968 while serving with First Battalion of the 12th Infantry, 47th Infantry Division at Binh Dinh Province, Vietnam. Lt. Silva suffered fatal injuries when he attempted to retrieve a "Mechanical Ambush Device", commonly known as a land mine or above ground explosive device. The mine detonated prematurely while Lt. Silva tried to disarm it.

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Chapter 1 banner



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Chapter 1 President John
Bergeron (l.) presenting an
award to Clark Howland.



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From left, Jack Crowther, Steve Faye, and David Seward Jr. at informal dedication of Mill River Union High flagpole.



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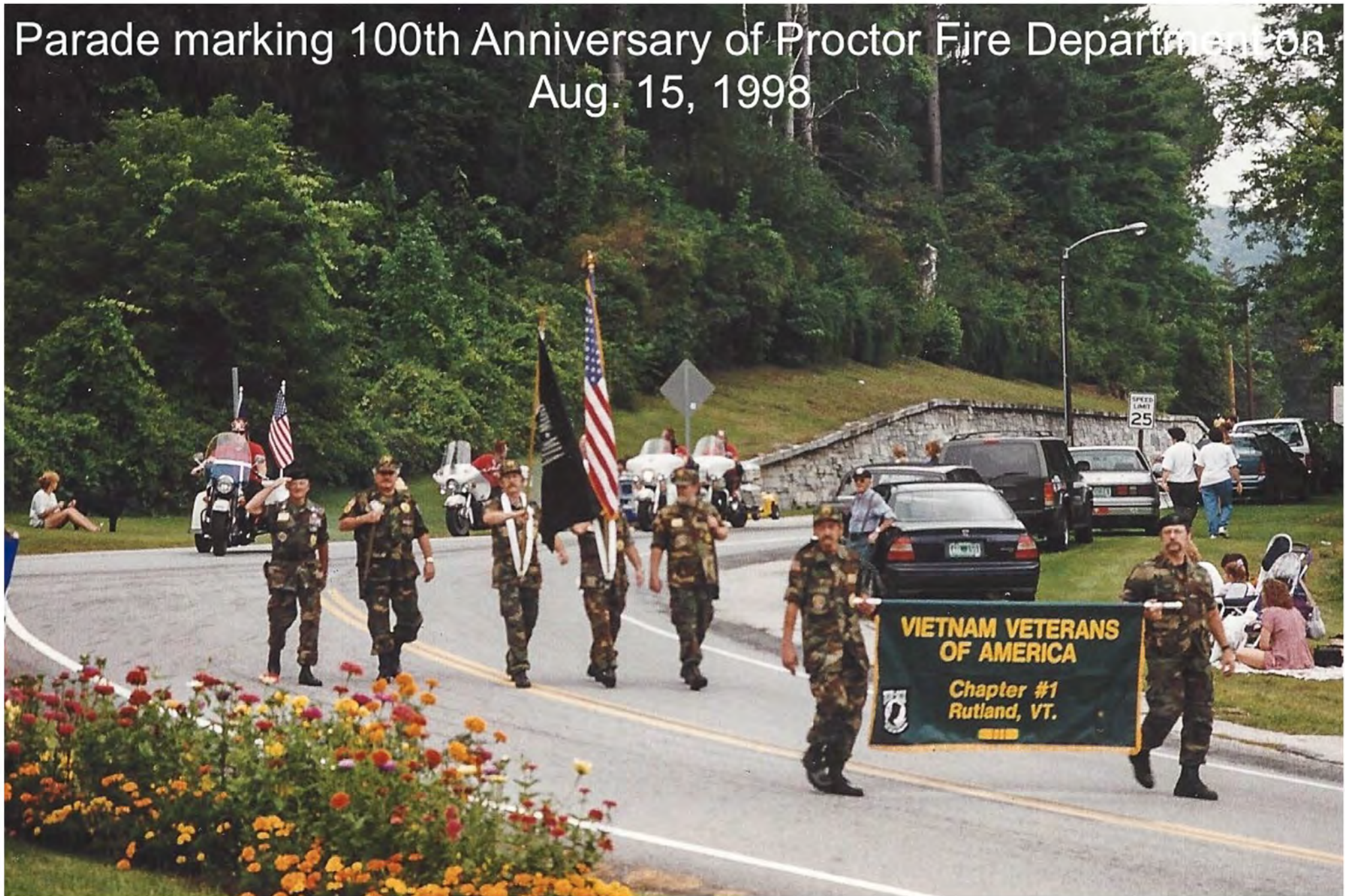


George Bodette, center, father of Don Bodette, receives the Legion of Merit award from VVA President George Duggin for Don's efforts in helping Vietnam Veterans and in establishing Chapter 1. Ceremony was in May of 1998.



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Parade marking 100th Anniversary of Proctor Fire Department on Aug. 15, 1998



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Undated photo of march on Brooklyn Bridge.
Jake Jacobsen is under the "VER" of the sign.
Marilyn Jacobsen is to the left of Jake.

Chapter 1 provided a color guard for an anti-NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement) rally in Burlington in the fall of 1993 featuring Ross Perot, who ran for president in 1992.



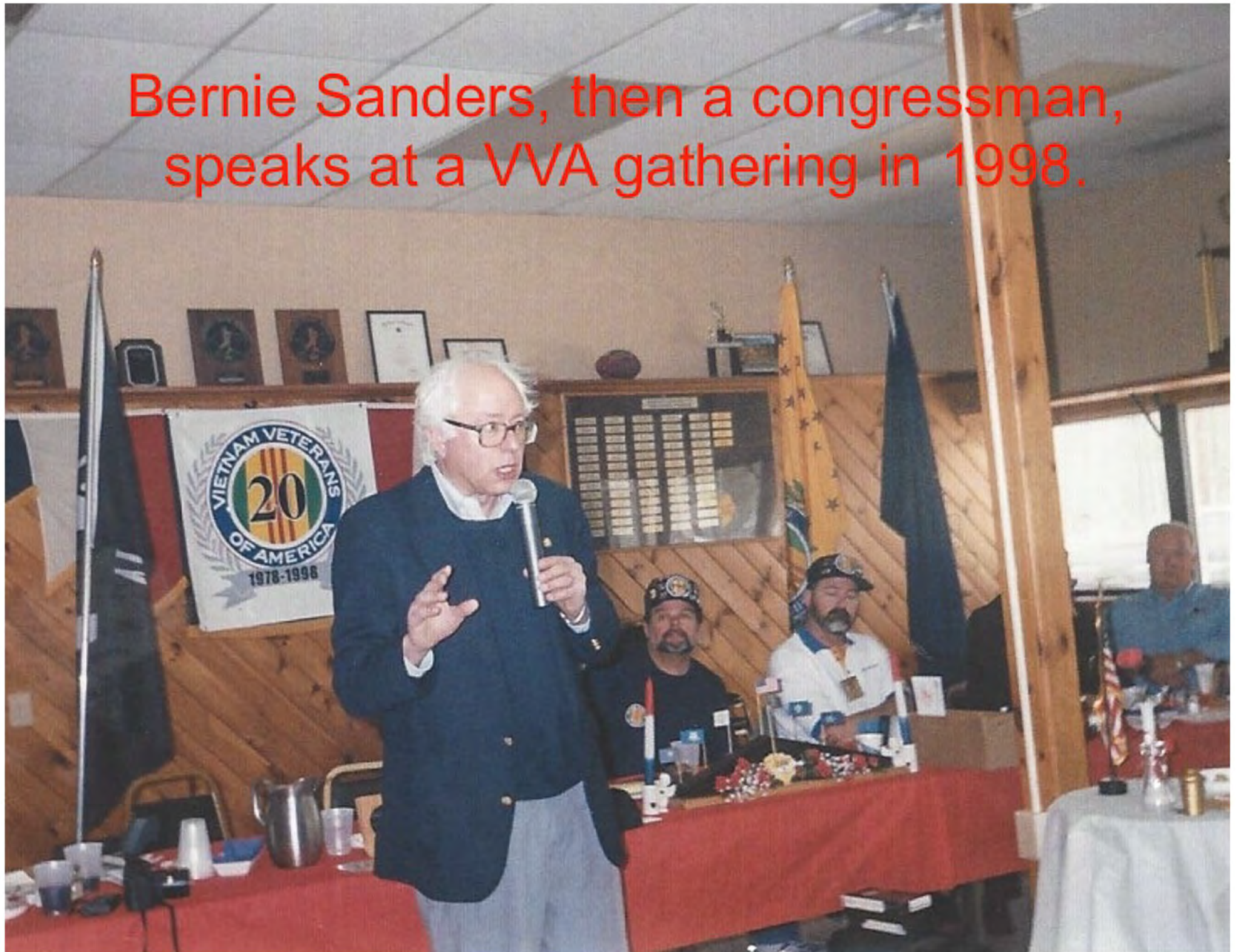
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Tom Reardon headed the Chapter 1 Color Guard for a number of years

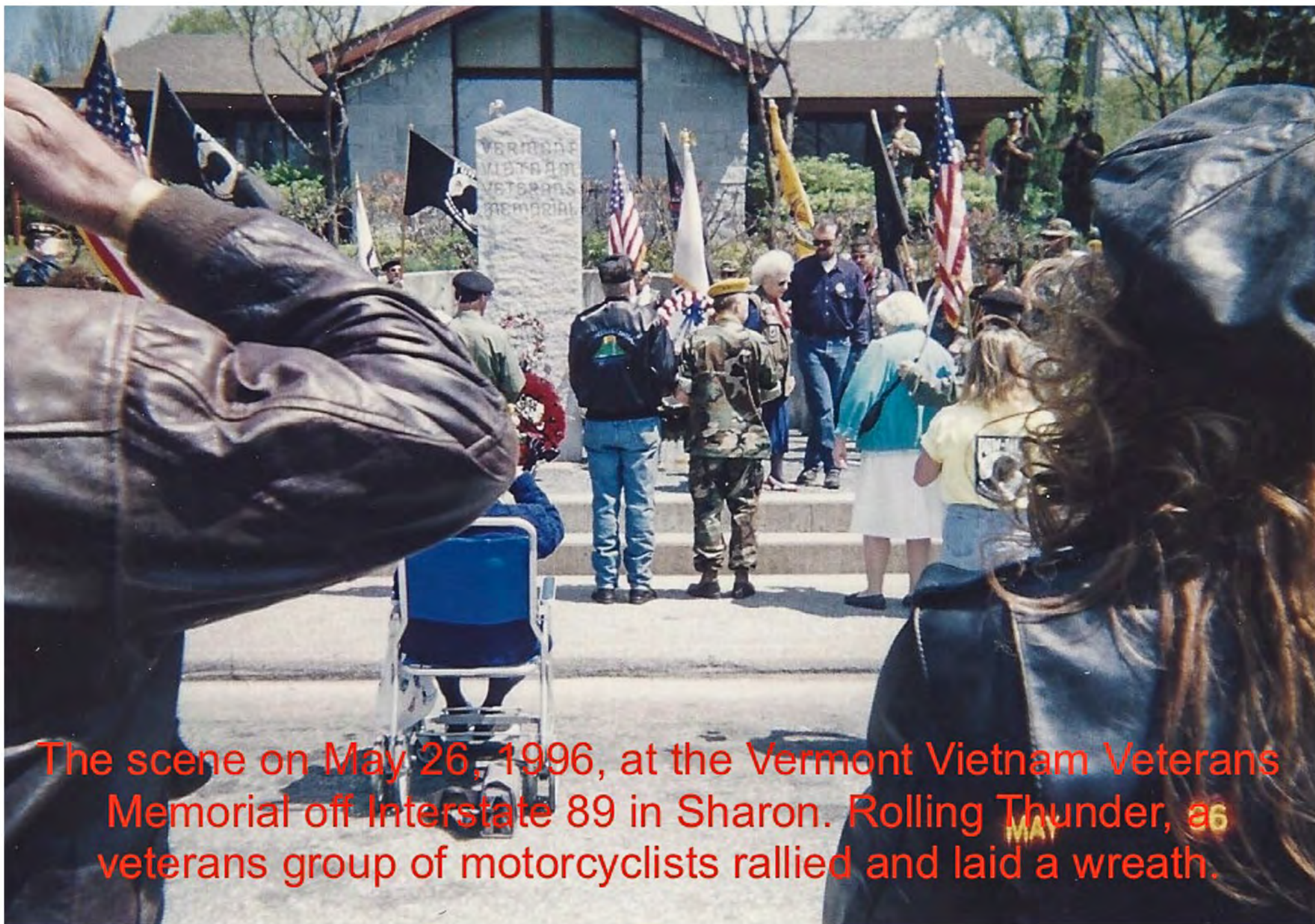


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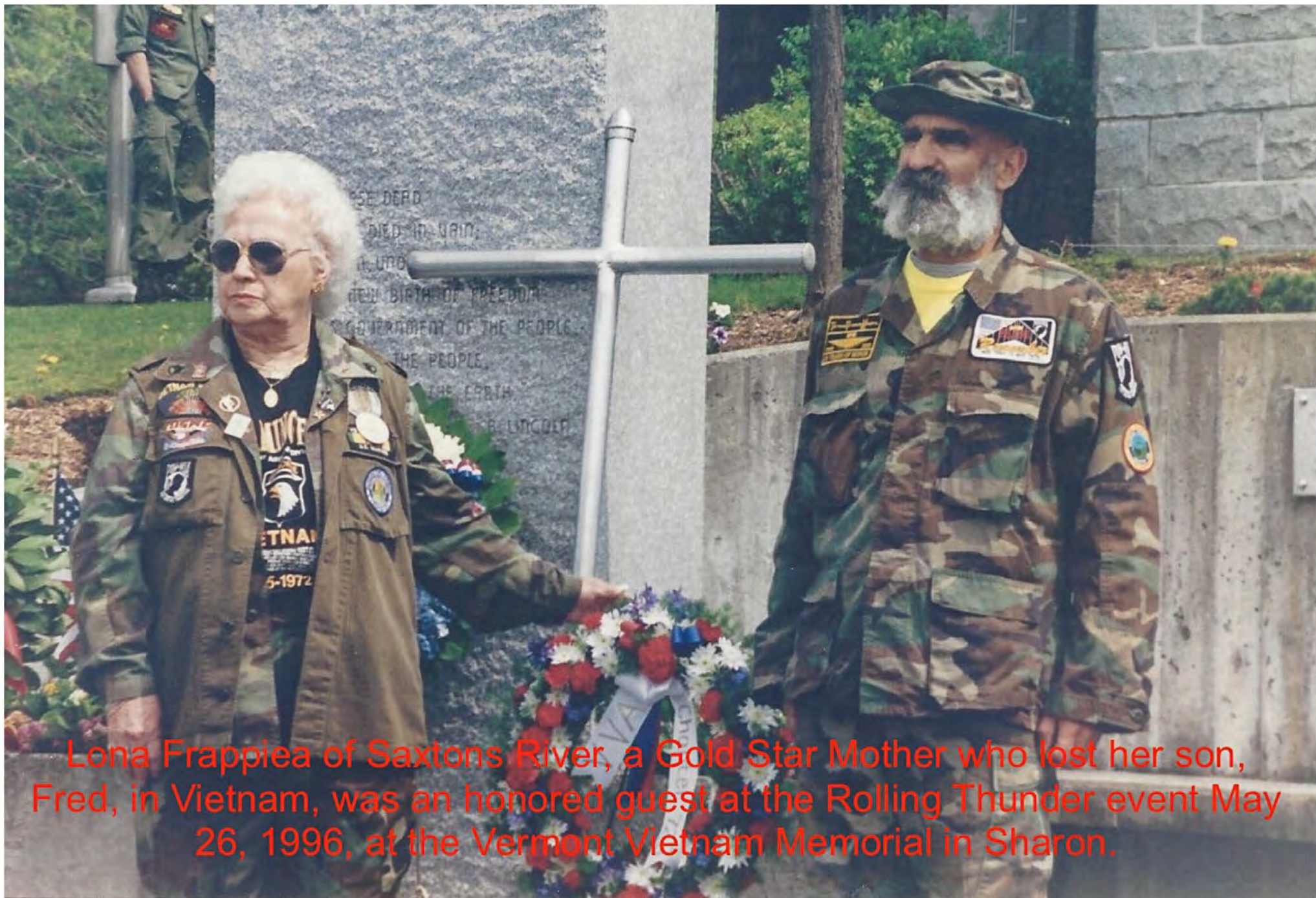
Bernie Sanders, then a congressman, speaks at a VVA gathering in 1998.



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The scene on May 26, 1996, at the Vermont Vietnam Veterans Memorial off Interstate 89 in Sharon. Rolling Thunder, a veterans group of motorcyclists rallied and laid a wreath.



Lona Frappiea of Saxtons River, a Gold Star Mother who lost her son, Fred, in Vietnam, was an honored guest at the Rolling Thunder event May 26, 1996, at the Vermont Vietnam Memorial in Sharon.



Lineup at Rolling Thunder May 26, 1996, at Vermont Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Sharon. From right, believed to be Buster Holmberg of Chester, Gold Star Mother Lona Frappiea of Saxtons River, John Miner of Bennington.



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Dick Doyle of Chapter 1
posted at Rolling Thunder in
Sharon May 26, 1996.



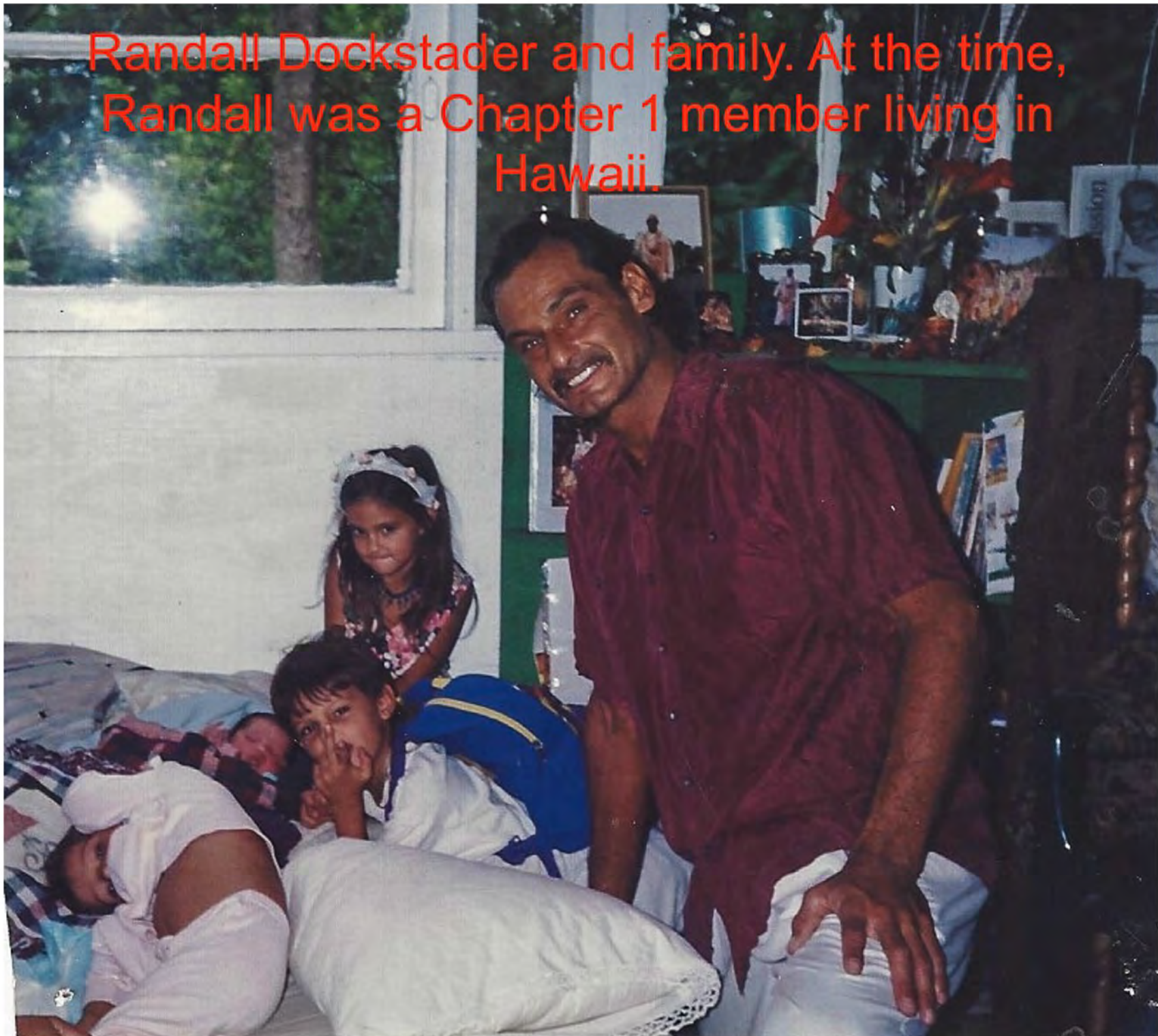
Scene at Rolling Thunder rally May 26, 1996. John Bergeron, Chapter 1 president is just to the left of the granite obelisk, behind it.



Jon Pintello is likely at the left of the front rank. John Bergeron is second from right in front rank and Tom Reardon is at right in front rank.

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Randall Dockstader and family. At the time,
Randall was a Chapter 1 member living in
Hawaii.



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Aug. 15, 1998, parade in Proctor. Color guard includes, from left, Tom Reardon, Jon Pintello, John Bergeron, Steve Faye, Tom Skinner.



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Loyalty Day Parade in Rutland, 1997. Steve Faye carries banner. Chapter 1 President John Bergeron (at right) carries Vermont State Flag.



First Vermont Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day, Aug. 10, 1996.
John Bergeron, Chapter 1 president, is at left. Bill Picknell (?) at
right.

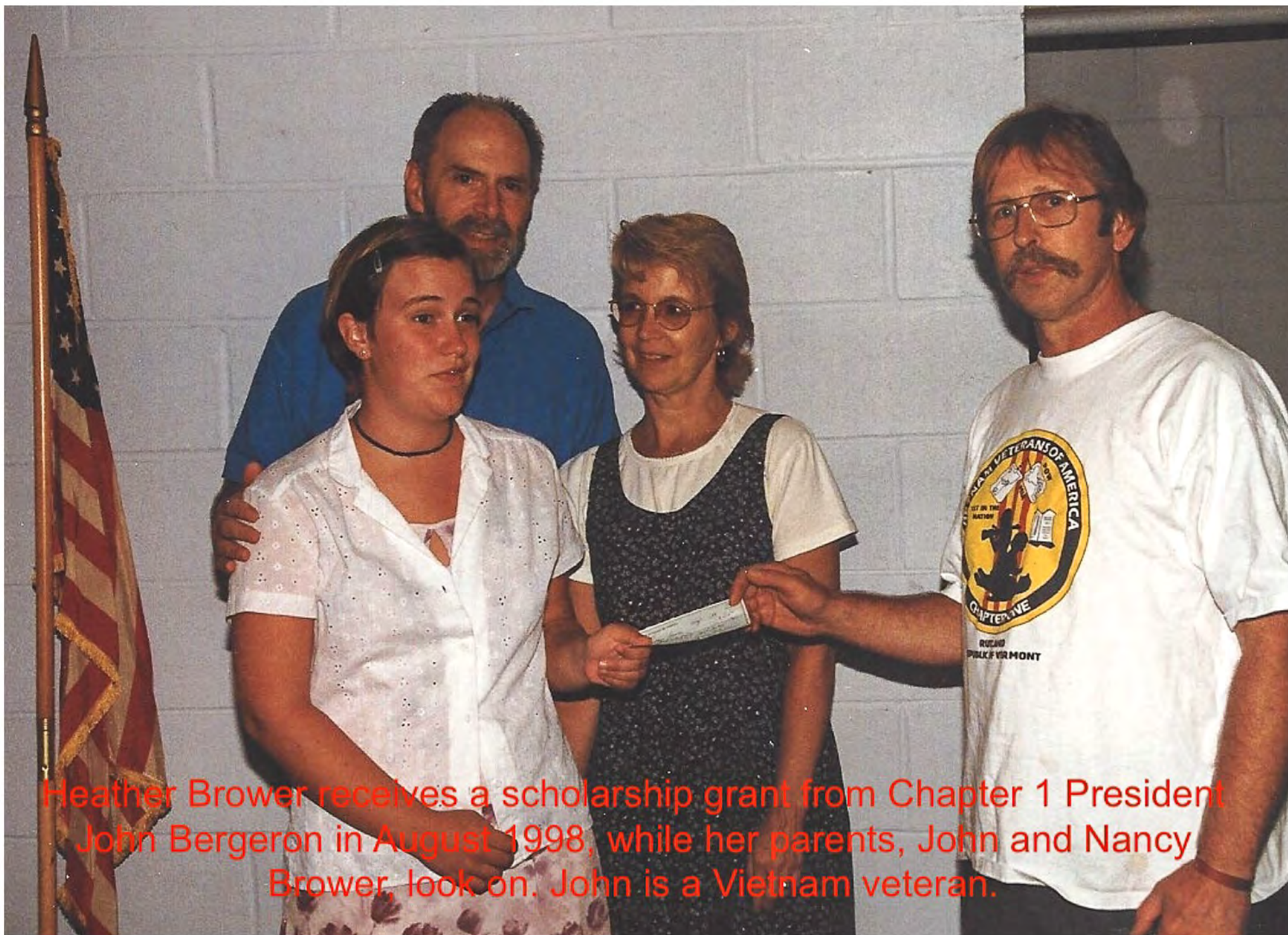


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Chapter 1 hosted a dinner for visitors from England. He had served with the Australian navy. Need IDs and date.



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Heather Brower receives a scholarship grant from Chapter 1 President John Bergeron in August 1998, while her parents, John and Nancy Brower, look on. John is a Vietnam veteran.



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Gold Star Mother Olive Pettis of West Haven, mother of Steven Pettis, who was killed in Vietnam, receives the Patriot's Medal Sept. 21, 1996, from Gov. Howard Dean at Camp Johnson in Colchester. Vermont Adjutant Gen. Donald Edwards is between Dean and Mrs. Pettis



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Chapter 1 hosted a dinner in October 1999 for visiting guests from London, England (third and fourth from right), David and Elaine Woodcraft. From left are Jack Crowther, Bill Whitney, uncertain, Stanley Dulski, Dick Doyle, Steve Faye, the Woodcrafts, Andy Moschetto, and Kym Hoerr.



Gold Star Mothers Olive Pettis of West Haven and Josie Colvin of Bennington shared a moment Sept. 21, 1996, at Camp Johnson, Vt., where Patriot's Medals were given to families of soldiers who died in Vietnam.

From left, Andy Moschetto, Paula Donaldson, and John Bergeron at Kick's fundraiser in Mendon June 8, 1997.



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The Chapter 1 Color Guard marched in the South Glens Falls Toys for Tots Parade on Nov. 22, 1998. Taking part were, from left, Tom Reardon, Stanley Dulski, Paul Virtue, John Bergeron, and Steve Faye.



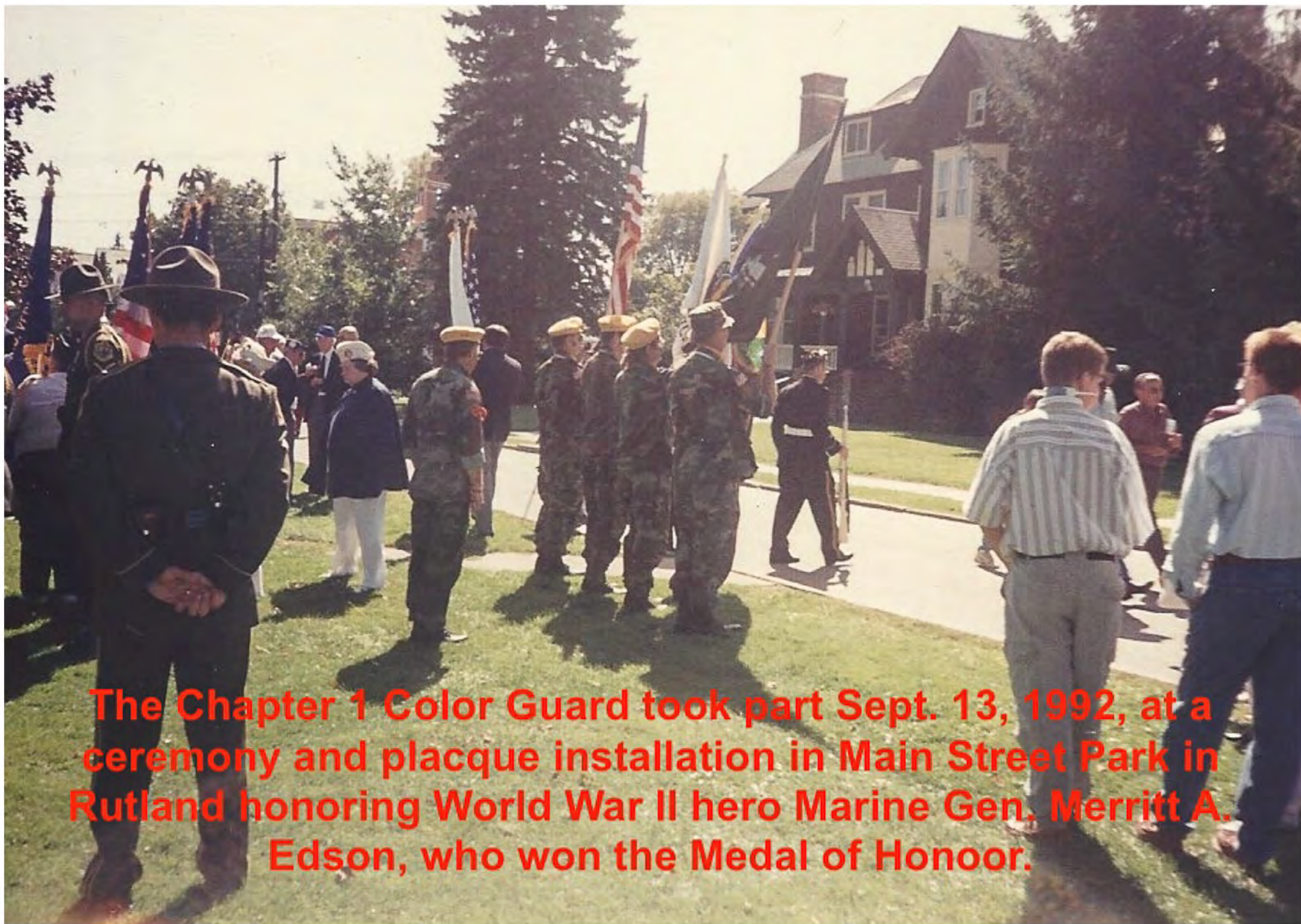
**Chapter 1 Color Guard was on hand when the
“Moving Wall” visited Lake Placid, N.Y., in July 1992.**



Unknown parade in 1992. From left, unknown, Bill Barnes, Bill Higgins, Steve Faye, Joe Lynch.



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The Chapter 1 Color Guard took part Sept. 13, 1992, at a ceremony and placque installation in Main Street Park in Rutland honoring World War II hero Marine Gen. Merritt A. Edson, who won the Medal of Honor.